

AUSTRIAN AIRSHIPS
INVADING GREECE

DROP BOMBS ON VILLAGE WITH
IN THREE MILES OF
SALONIKI.

GRECIAN PEOPLE ARE UNEASY

Possibility of Warlike Operations on
Greek Territory Disturbs Public
and Officials Alike—To
Muzzle Press.

Paris, France.—An Austrian aeroplane flew to within three miles of Saloniki and dropped bombs near a village in the vicinity, according to reports from Saloniki forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Athens. Another unconfirmed report from the same source was to the effect that a Zeppelin had been seen flying over Northern Greek territory.

Reported Marching on Saloniki.

London, England.—Hartmanns-Wellerkopf, the summit of which the Germans have retaken, with 1,500 prisoners, is the only point of first-class activity on the western front, while on the eastern fighting lines there has been little evidence of any disturbance in the Christmas lull in the last 24 hours.

There have been some clashes in Galicia, with minor successes on both sides, and the Russian forces in Persia are fighting 25 miles from Teheran.

Martial Law.

The Greek public's uneasiness over the possibility of an early extension of Germanic operations to Greek territory increases hourly, and the Greek domestic situation is so ruffled that it is stated that parliament as soon as it meets, will declare martial law, in order to muzzle the opposition press which has been mercilessly attacking the government.

A Reuters dispatch from Athens says that Germany is reported to have informed Greece that she hopes to reach Saloniki by January 15, promising at the same time to evacuate Greek territory as soon as the task is finished.

GERMANS PROTEST MASSACRE

Berlin Note to Ottoman Government
Made Public by American
Relief Official.

Boston, Mass.—The German government on Aug. 9 filed at Constantinople a protest against the Turkish treatment of Armenians, according to Dr. James L. Barton, chairman of the National Commission for American and Serbian Relief, who has made public the text of the protest.

The German protest is given in part as follows:

"The German embassy regrets to have to realize that, according to information from impartial and reliable sources, acts of violence, such as massacres and plunders, which could not be justified by the aim that the imperial government was pursuing, instead of being checked by the local authorities, regularly followed the exodus of Armenians, so that most of them perished before reaching their destination.

"Under such circumstances the German embassy by order of its government, is obliged to remonstrate once more against these acts of horror."

GERMANS TAKE SWEDISH SHIP

Argo in Collision With Torpedo Boat
Is Pursued and Taken as
Prize.

London, England.—The steamship Argo has been taken into a German port by a prize crew, the Exchange Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent says.

The Argo put into the Danish port of Aarhus after having been in collision with a German torpedo boat, which fired several shots in an attempt to stop her. The Argo sailed from Aarhus on the following day. The dispatch says two German torpedo boats pursued her into Swedish waters and boarded her, declaring her a prize of war. Ten men were put on the Argo to take her to Germany.

The Argo's cargo consists of tools for Russia, manufactured in Denmark. The Swedish government, according to this account, has instructed its minister at Berlin to make an investigation.

Repairs Range With Toy Cannon.
Winsted, Conn.—Edward Babb repaired his kitchen range with a piece of scrap iron. Returning home later he found the kitchen demolished and the house burning. The scrap iron was a small cannon—and loaded.

New Gas Field in Arkansas.
Ozark, Ark.—Gas has been struck in paying quantities and a well sunk in a newly discovered gas field about one and a half miles west of here. Preparations are being made to sink more wells.

Held for Shooting Two Women.
Davenport, Ia.—Sherman Brown, a fireman, is under arrest here charged with killing his sister-in-law, and wounding his wife. After the shooting Brown surrendered.

Loan Children for Christmas.
Philadelphia, Pa.—Two hundred children, loaned by the local Aid Society, will spend Christmas day in the homes of wealthy residents of this city. Most of the little guests will be girls who will be entertained in homes where there are no children.

PORTABLE STRETCHER USED BY FRENCH



This is the latest form of stretcher adopted by the French for carrying the wounded from the front. It is made so it can be placed on wheels.

MEMPHIS WICKEDEST CITY
MIGHT MEAN U. S. DEFEAT

LEADS WORLD IN PERCENTAGE
OF MURDERS.

United States as a Whole Is Much
More Bloodthirsty Than
Other Nations.

New York.—The most "murderous" city in the world is Memphis, Tenn., where 63.7 persons out of every 100,000 lost their lives by violence, according to statistics for the decade, 1904-1913, prepared by the Spectator, an insurance journal.

The 30 cities, arranged in the order of "killings" together with the rate per 100,000 of population, are: Memphis, 63.7; Charleston, S. C., 52.7; Savannah, 48.4; Atlanta, 26; New Orleans, 25.3; Nashville, 24.3; Louisville, 16.6; St. Louis, 12.9; San Francisco, 11.8; Cincinnati, 11; Chicago, 9.3; Seattle, 8.1; Spokane, 7.8; Washington, 7.5; Cleveland, 6.1; Manhattan and the Bronx, New York, 6.1; Dayton, O., 5.5; Pittsburg, 5.3; Providence, 5.2; Boston, 4.8; Baltimore, 4.6; Brooklyn, 4.5; Philadelphia, 4.2; Buffalo, 4; Minneapolis, 3.7; Reading, Pa., 3.5; Rochester, N. Y., 3.3; Hartford, Conn., 3; Newark, N. J., 3; Milwaukee, 2.4.

The number of murders in the United States is about 100 to every 13 committed in England and Wales, 30 in Austria, 31 in Prussia and 56 in Italy.

DON'T CARE FOR ROOSEVELT

Arizona Man Thinks Rough Rider's
Name Was Mentioned as
Vote Lure.

New York.—The Roosevelt boom for the Republican presidential nomination has been shot through the country by his ardent admirers to see how it would "take," in the opinion of several Republican national committeemen and party leaders here to meet with National Chairman Charles Hilles.

Committeeman Charles A. Spies of New Mexico, who conferred with Hilles said, flatly, he did not believe the colonel had any thought of trying for the Republican nomination. Committeeman Ralph P. Cameron of Arizona, said he believed some of the colonel's friends were trying to convince him against his will that the country was demanding he run.

Girl to Design A. B. C. Medals.

Washington.—Designing of the three gold medals to be presented by the United States to Ambassadors Naon of Argentina, Da Gama of Brazil and Suarez of Chile, popularly known as the A. B. C. medals, was awarded by Secretary Lansing to Miss Jeanette Scudder of New York.

British Losses in Dardanelles.

London.—The British forces at the Dardanelles had suffered 112,912 casualties up to December 1, it was announced in the house of commons by H. J. Tennant, under secretary of war.

Seven College Men Expelled.

Russellville, Ark.—The board of trustees of the State District College here announced that seven students have been expelled as a result of the recent attack by students upon Charles Scott, president.

Austrian Tension Eases Up.

Vienna.—The new American note regarding the Ancona has made a good impression here. An early answer may be expected. Work on it has been begun.

Czar Decorated.

Paris.—Czar Nicholas of Russia has been decorated with the French war cross, it was announced here. Gen. Paul Pau, one-armed commander, conferred the decoration.

Not Presidential Aspirant.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Ellihu Root, in a letter to the Republican State Central Committee said: "I am not a candidate for the presidency. If my name is put on the ballot I shall be compelled to insist upon its being withdrawn."

Christmas Pardons for 23 Convicts.

Little Rock, Ark.—Twenty-three convicts were freed by Gov. George W. Hayes in the annual Christmas pardons, approved by the governor. All were residents of Arkansas.

Stabs Wife 7 Times.

Red Bluff, Cal.—As he kissed his wife seven times on the lips Frank Odrum stabbed her seven times in her side. He is in a serious condition from a slash in the throat, self-inflicted with the same knife. The wife is in a critical condition.

SHORTAGE OF NITRIC ACID FOR
AMMUNITION.

Dr. L. H. Baekeland Tells Navy Board
We Would Have to Get Salt-
petre From Chile.

New York.—Members of the navy consulting board are in session at the New York navy yard, where all the warships of New York division of the Atlantic fleet are in port.

Dr. Leo Hendrick Baekeland, chairman of the committee on food and sanitation, at the meeting discussed the prime importance of synthetic acid in modern warfare and declared that if Germany had not been able to utilize the sources of nitrogen in the air in the manufacture of munitions she would be hopelessly paralyzed since Great Britain has shut her off from the general source of supply of saltpetre in Chile.

The United States in case of war, Dr. Baekeland declared, would be whipped within a year through shortage of nitrogen unless the navy could protect the Chilean saltpetre fields. It would take at least 12 months, he said, to develop the manufacture of nitric acid from the air in sufficient quantities to produce the requisite amount of smokeless powder and explosives, although the process was invented in the United States.

Dr. Baekeland declared the government should establish at once a plant for the manufacture of nitric acid from the air. This would not be a losing venture, he believed, because what was not required for military purposes could be sold for agricultural uses.

AUSTRIAN TENSION EASES UP

Situation Regarded as Less Acute and
No Trouble Is Looked For—
Reply Soon.

Vienna, Austria.—The new American note regarding the Ancona has made a good impression here. An early answer may be expected. Work on it has been begun already.

No Reply Before New Year.

London, England.—According to the Zurich correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company dispatches from Vienna report that Austrian official circles are gratified at the comparative moderation of the American note on the Ancona. No reply, it is stated, is likely to be made before the new year. The situation is regarded as less acute.

Stock Dividends Taxable.

Washington.—Stock dividends paid from net earnings, surplus or undivided profits of corporations, joint stock companies, associations and insurance companies were held by the treasury department to be income taxable under the law.

Hugo's Grandson Decorated.

Paris.—George Victor-Hugo, a grandson of the great poet, a sub-lieutenant in the French infantry, has been decorated for distinguished service at the fighting at Navarin.

Man Swallows False Teeth.

New York.—While at dinner Alfred Hilton, sexton of Christ Church memorial buildings, swallowed his false teeth and died as a result after being taken to a hospital.

Iron Coinage for Berlin.

Berlin.—The federal council has decided on the coinage of iron 10 pfennig pieces.

Couple Die of Pneumonia.

Lawrence, Kan.—After passing through life together for nearly half a century, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hyett of Leocompton died within a few hours of each other. Each had been ill a short time with pneumonia.

Aviator Falls.

Guatemala City.—S. Jerwan, an American aviator, who was injured while making a flight from the aviation school here, is in the military hospital and is improving. Jerwan fell while testing a new aeroplane.

Jap Steamer Is Sunk.

Paris.—A dispatch from Malta announces that the Japanese steamer Sako Maru was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean. The fate of the passengers and crew is not known.

Wets Overturn Dry Majority.

Port Lavaca, Texas.—Returns from the prohibition election held in Calhoun county Dec. 30, show that the wets won by 26 majority. In an election held Oct. 12, the dries won by one vote.

ANCONA CASE CAN
NOT BE ARBITRATED

U. S. WILL REJECT ANY PRO-
POSAL SEEKING FURTHER
INQUIRY.

AUSTRIA BELIEVED YIELDING

Sincere Desire to Preserve Friendly
Relations May Cause Dual Mon-
archy to Sacrifice Much in
Her Next Reply.

Washington.—An impasse, in the opinion of officials here, may soon be reached in the negotiations between the United States and Austria-Hungary over the Ancona affair, if the dual monarchy, as reported in press dispatch, is to ask that the issues be submitted to an international court of arbitration.

President Wilson refused in all of the German submarine cases to arbitrate questions involving the ruthless destruction of American lives. He has consented to arbitrate only matters of indemnity. It is not believed here that he will yield more to Austria-Hungary in this regard than he did to Germany.

According to dispatches from Vienna, Baron Zwiadnek, the Austrian charge d'affaires here, last week sought to learn from Secretary of State Lansing how the administration would regard an arbitration proposal.

Secretary Lansing is said to have told the Austrian diplomat that this government could not consent to arbitrate the primary issues. To do so, it is asserted here, would be to admit that there might be some doubt as to the right of a submarine commander to fire upon an unresisting merchant ship carrying American passengers.

Austria can appeal to arbitration with greater propriety than did Germany in the submarine controversy last summer, for there is a convention of arbitration between the United States and that country, which was concluded in 1909.

Austria May Yield.

Berlin.—From a highly competent non-Austrian source in Vienna, private advice have been received by a press agency, taking an optimistic view of the Austro-American situation.

The Austrian government, it is declared, appears to be actuated by a sincere desire to preserve friendly relations with the United States. Even at a considerable sacrifice, and in endeavoring to formulate a reply to the second American note on the Ancona which the United States may deem satisfactory.

Fires Bed While Hunting Burglar.

Louisville, Ky.—Mrs. J. A. Halde-man, with the aid of a lighted candle, looked under the bed for a burglar. In the shadows she imagined she saw a man, and becoming frightened, she dropped the candle, which set the bed and house on fire.

50,000 People, 9,950 Phones.

Topeka, Kan.—Fifty more tele-phones installed here would make one telephone for every five persons in this city. Topeka has a population of 50,000 and there are 9,950 tele-phones in the city.

Man Kills Wife and Himself.

Newport, Ark.—William M. Hinz, aged 45, shot and killed his wife here and then committed suicide in the lobby of the Main Hotel, which Mrs. Hinz owned.

U-Boat Sinks Liner.

Rome.—Port Said, an Italian liner, has been sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine flying the colors of Austria. Seven passengers and one member of the crew were drowned.

Harden Paper Is Suppressed.

Amsterdam.—According to the Telegraf, the publication of Maximilian Harden's Die Zunkunpf has been forbidden by the German military authorities.

Girl Ends Life.

Terre Haute, Ind.—After wishing her companions a merry Christmas Miss Jessie Lynch went to her bedroom and killed herself by shooting herself in the head.

Negro, 113 Years Old, Dies.

Charleston, Mo.—"Uncle" Charles Ward, a negro 113 years old, is dead here. He carried mail here for more than 40 years and misad only one train.

Is Killed by Kick From a Mule.

Sparks, Ill.—Everette Patterson, 18 years old, was killed by a kick from a mule.

Gunboat Vicksburg Sold to Cuba.

Seattle, Wash.—The navy department notified state officials here that the gunboat Vicksburg, used for years as a training ship by the Washington naval militia, has been sold to the Cuban government.

Man, 87, Rides 12 Hours a Day.

Childress, Texas.—Percy Barton, said to be America's oldest cowboy, celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday here. Barton is employed on a ranch and spends 12 hours a day in the saddle.

Street Has Twins Epidemic.

Towanda, Pa.—The seventh pair of twins to be born to residents of Union street, in Canton Borough, has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cullen. Union street is not half a mile long.

Revolutionists in China.

Peking, China.—The government troops in the province of Yunnan have joined the revolutionists under Tsai Ao, who has declared the province independent and guaranteed the safety of foreigners.

SUPREME COURT
ON SCHOOL CASE

DECIDES WHAT PART OF STATE
REVENUE SHOULD GO
TO SCHOOLS.

OFFICIALS PARTLY INDORSED

Portion of Diverted Funds Ordered
Back to Educational Balance
Court Opinion Unanimous
as to Disposition

Jefferson City

By a unanimous opinion of the supreme court, State Auditor Gordon was directed to restore \$334,193.31 to the public school funds of the state.

The amount asked in the mandamus suit filed against the auditor by State Superintendent of Schools H. A. Gass last August was \$496,587.34. The court reduced this \$162,394.03.

The court held that all the money which has been placed in the school fund does not properly belong to it. Two of the large items which have been placed in the school fund ordinarily, but which were ordered transferred to the general revenue are the insurance funds, amounting to about \$125,000, and fines collected in the anti-trust proceedings against the lumber companies, which amounted to \$252,728.65 last year.

The opinion of the court was written by Judge Farris, who awarded a peremptory writ of mandamus directing the auditor to set aside this sum and reappropriation it to the schools, which will give a total of \$1,757,933.43, the largest the schools have ever received, according to Judge Farris.

Judge Farris also ruled that fees collected from various state departments should not go to the school funds until the fees were so large that a surplus above that needed to pay officers had accumulated. In the state grain department there was a surplus of \$30,631.95, and that property went into the school fund, Judge Farris ruled.

The ruling will leave a great hole in the revenue fund of the state, and there may not be enough to pay the expenses in June. The move to take money from the school fund was made last summer after the state officials had discovered that they needed more money. Part of the money was spent and part put aside to wait for the ruling of the supreme court.

Ask Rehearing on Rate Cases.

Former Senator M. E. Rhodes of Potosi, has filed a motion for rehearing in the railroad advance rate cases with the public service commission. He asks a suspension of the rates advanced by order of the commission until his motion for a rehearing is heard and determined.

Rhodes, who is an attorney, in a statement made after the filing of his motion, says he is acting for him- and represents no one.

It is in reality designed to make a test of the right and authority of the commission to advance railroad rates, either freight or passenger, beyond the maximum fixed by statute.

State Committee Meeting.

The Democratic state committee probably will not meet until February. Chairman D. C. McCung said that a meeting is not likely to be called within the next six weeks. He also intimated that the meeting would be held in St. Louis.

Just when the Republican state committee will meet has not yet been decided. An announcement is expected soon from the chairman, Jacob L. Babler.

Wells Wins Suit.

Under a recent ruling of the supreme court the circuit court of St. Louis is ordered give control of the building at Broadway and Olive sts. to Rolla Wells, who is the real owner of the ground upon which the structure stands. The lessees have violated many provisions of the instrument under which they have controlled the property.

Dress Reform Taken Up.

The standardization of woman's dress, in an effort to avoid the extremes of fashion, is being undertaken by the department of home economics at school of agriculture of the university of Missouri.

Major Pardons Seven.

Governor Major has issued holiday pardons to two convicts serving life terms, two to other long-termers, and three serving shorter sentences. This is in accordance with the most approved penal practices.

Will Boom Missouri River.

A convention of Missouri River towns and cities was called by Mayor C. W. Thomas for January 19. The action followed the decision of the war department and congress to continue the improvement of the Missouri River.

The convention will be called to discuss river transportation problems and deal with the matter of restoring river terminals.

City officials and representatives of commercial bodies will be asked to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Leathe Loses.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Knafley obtained another favorable decision in the supreme court last week in her suit for \$192,263.75 against Mrs. Grace A. Leathe. Both parties are from St. Louis.

Editors' Meeting Postponed.

The annual meeting of the Democratic State Press Association, which was scheduled to meet in St. Louis on January 8, has been postponed. The date will be announced later by the president, Jack Blanton.

Major for Vice-President.

Gov. Elliott W. Major is a receptive candidate for the Democratic nomination for vice president, according to authoritative information.

When he was asked for a statement with reference to the matter, he said: "It is a great compliment to be mentioned for that high office, and the nomination is an honor which no man could afford to turn down if it should be tendered."

It can be stated authoritatively that the governor is a candidate for United States senator, but should there be a demand for him to accept the Democratic vice presidential nomination, he will not hesitate to leave the senatorial track to accept it.

Democratic politicians who are promoting the governor's candidacy for the United States senate are overlooking no bets on the vice presidential proposition.

Here are six reasons advanced by them why the governor would be good Democratic vice presidential timber:

That he always has been in thorough accord with President Wilson and his policies.

That he is a vote getter, having led the Democratic presidential candidate for president in Missouri three times, these being Parker, Bryan and Wilson.

That Missouri is a debatable ground, and that his nomination would lend strength to the national ticket and help put it over.

That Missouri is entitled to recognition for the reason that Champ Clark, a Missourian, was defeated for the Democratic nomination for president after having polled on several ballots a majority of the votes of all the delegates in the national convention.

That Major carried Missouri by a plurality of 120,000, the highest plurality ever given to a candidate for governor in Missouri.

That he is a good campaigner and willing to make as many speeches a day as the committee wants him to.

Woman May Be Paroled.

Mrs. Aggie Myers of Kansas City, a life prisoner at the state prison, is fatally ill, and will be released under a sick parole if anyone can be found who will take care of her. She and Frank Hottman, a young farmer of Lafayette county, murdered her husband, a printer, in Kansas City, for which crime both were sentenced to hang. Gov. Folk interfered in April, 1907, after the scaffold had been erected upon which the woman was to be executed. Hottman's sentence was also commuted to life imprisonment. The woman has been ill for more than two years.

Bond Issue Authorized.

Authority was granted by the state public service commission to the Kansas City Connecting Railway Co. to issue \$1,000,000 of stock and \$1,000,000 of bonds. It is stipulated that the bonds must realize not less than 90 per cent of their face value. They are to bear 5 per cent interest and to mature in 30 years.

W. R. Collett, president of the company, testified that the bond issue would be based on property having an assessed value of \$1,402,633.

Catawissa Bank Fails.

Bank Commissioner J. T. Mitchell was last week forced to take charge of a small private bank at Catawissa, in Franklin county. Through loans the institution had become involved to such an extent that liquidation was necessary. No fraud has been discovered or alleged, and the depositors will probably be paid in full. The institution may be reorganized.

No Committee Meeting.

Chairman D. C. McCung announced after conferring with local members of the Democratic state committee, it would be unwise to call the state committee together on January 8 (Jackson Day), as there would be too much doing at this state-wide gathering of the Democrats to discuss business.

Out of One; Into Another.

Edward Smith of Lewis county who has served 12 years of a 25-year term at the Missouri penitentiary for burglary and larceny, was recently released by the governor under a commutation of sentence. He was immediately arrested and turned over to the authorities of Illinois, where he is wanted for a violation of parole.

More Land Bank Petitions.

Each day sees the arrival of new petitions asking that the amendment making possible the land bank in Missouri be placed on the ballot next November. There seems to be no question of a sufficiency of signatures, but every added name is a sign of additional support.

Aspires to Governorship.

It has become known that former Senator F. M. McDavid of Green county will become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor if Speaker Champ Clark does not enter the race.

Widow Succeeds Husband.

Gov. Major appointed Mrs. Mary H. Lee of Charleston, treasurer of Mississippi county, to fill the unexpired term of her husband, D. F. Lee, who died recently.

In making the appointment the governor followed what has grown to be virtually an unwritten law in Missouri under which the wives of county officers succeed them in the event of death.

Several other women have filled the office of county treasurer in this state.

Fine Resigns.

Gov. Major announced that he had accepted the resignation of Robert J. Fine, Progressive member of the excise board of St. Louis county, who was convicted of accepting bribes.

U. R. Asks Delay.

A motion was filed by the United Railways Company with the public service commission, asking for an extension of time for the completion of the work of equipping cars with forced-ventilation heaters.

HAPPENINGS
of the week
IN MISSOURI